GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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SOIL EROSION AND FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing/pending projects to control floods and to check soil erosion due to rain water in each State during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of the amount actually spent by the Union and State Governments out of the amount allocated and released for each State under each of these projects during the said period;

(c) whether the Union Government and State Governments have prepared any project report for the implementation of the works of floods control and checking water logging and soil erosion; and

(d) if so, the details of the work done and the expenditure incurred by the Union and State Governments for the purpose since May, 2008 till the end of present financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) There are no pending projects with Ministry of Water Resources to control floods and to check soil erosion due to rain water. Most of the projects taken up during X Plan from central assistance have been completed. The State wise number of the ongoing flood management works / projects taken up in XI Plan through central assistance of Ministry of Water Resources and the estimated cost & funds released during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09 is given at Annex.I.

(c)&(d) After severe floods of August 2004 in Assam and Bihar, the Ministry of Water Resources constituted a Task Force under Chairman, Central Water Commission to look into the problems of recurring floods in Assam and its neighbouring states as well as in Bihar, West Bengal and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. The Task Force had submitted its report on 31.12.2004 to Ministry of Water Resources. In its report, along with other measures, the Task Force recommended works / schemes amounting to Rs.4982.10 crore to be taken up by the end of XI Plan in phases. The schemes recommended by the Task Force have been included under a state sector scheme `Flood Management Programme` approved `in principle` by the Cabinet at an estimated cost of Rs.8,000 crore under Central Plan for implementation during XI Plan.

For reclamation of water logged area in the commands of CAD projects, 478 schemes of various State Governments have been approved so far under CADWM programme of Ministry of Water Resources for an estimated area of 57700 ha. out of which, an area 46,466 ha. has been reclaimed till March 2008.